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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Chris HECKENKAMP

Serial Number: 09/982,194

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Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: J. Henry

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For: Data Carrier Having An Optically Variable Element And Methods For Producing It

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated May 28, 2002.

Applicant elects Invention IV, claims 9-21, 22-32, 34-42, 49-64, and 66-67, for further prosecution on the merits at this time.

The election is without traverse. However, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8, which links Inventions I-V, is clearly directed to patentable subject matter (subject to an update search) since the feature of altering the contours of a diffraction structure, as recited in claim 8, is not shown in any of the references cited in allowed parent applications 09/023,430 and 08/300,728.

Having thus complied with the restriction requirement made in the Official Action, early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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ATTY. REFERENCE: HECK3001C/BEU

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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